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CIA is faulted for trouble

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Former CIA agent John Stockwell said Tuesday that the CIA "makes the world more dangerous" so that the president can point to a dangerous world when he asks Congress for money for arms.

Stockwell, a panelist at an anti-CIA rally in the Yale Law School Auditorium, cited the Korean airliner that was shot down in 1983 after straying into Soviet airspace.

Before that, Stockwell said, President Reagan had little support for the MX missile and the peace movement was gaining strength in Europe. Afterward, he said, Reagan got the support he needed for the MX and the peace movement was effectively deflated.

Stockwell, who was a case officer for the CIA for 13 years, said the agency fosters dissent to generate war profits and support the economic system of the United States. Only defense contractors can charge \$600 for a toilet seat, he said.

About 200 people attended the rally, billed as "CIA Crimes and Campus Resistance."

The event was sponsored by several Yale-affiliated groups, including C.I.A. Out Coalition. Six Yale undergraduates who disrupted a CIA recruiting interview at Yale last month were scheduled to face disciplinary proceedings by the Yale Executive Committee today.

Stockwell said he fought as a CIA agent in three "secret wars" — in Angola, the Congo and Vietnam. He said the CIA is now trying to "tear apart" Nicaraguan society through "raw terrorism." And the Reagan administration is turning on the American people through support of a proposed "pre-emptive strike bill" that would suspend the civil rights of a suspected terrorist.

The author of a best-selling book about CIA activities that was denounced by the U.S. government in 1978, Stockwell estimated the number of people killed as a result of agency actions at more than 1 million. For each person killed, he estimated that five to 10 were traumatized for life.

Stockwell noted that people had asked where the good German people were in the 1920s and 1930s when Hitler was coming to power. And he predicted future generations would ask, "Where were the American people when the CIA was committing genocide on the world."

He thanked college students at Yale and elsewhere for their "courageous action" in standing up to the CIA.

Another panelist, Ellen Yereshefski, a New York lawyer with the Center for Constitutional Rights, accused the CIA of violating national and international laws, saying acceptance of this alleged illegality is "dangerous."

Yereshefski said efforts to prosecute the CIA in the courts have largely failed because judges take the position it is a "political question."